

February 25, 2010

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Waters; Chief Beloat; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Supt. Givens; Nick Fuelling; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Kelly Collins.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloat stated he has given the Board letters he received from Danny and Angie McNamara, owners of the MAC Center.

Kelly Collins arrived at the meeting.

Chief Beloat continued by stating the McNamara's are offering free gym memberships to their facility for members of the Police Department, though there will be a \$20 key fee. He stated they have been having vandalism issues, etc at the gym and would like a police presence, therefore, along with the free membership, they are asking that the officers be allowed to drive their police cars to the facility. He added the facility is located 1.2 miles out of the city limits.

Board member Higgins stated she has an issue with what folks will think of seeing the city police cars out of the city limits.

Board member Fuelling stated it needs to be put in the paper so the public is aware. He then stated he believes the benefits of allowing this far outweigh the issues. He added the officers will be in better health and they could possibly be preventing the vandalism that is happening. He stated he will take the heat for this decision.

Board member Higgins asked what if catastrophe hit the city and the officers' wreck on the highway on their back into the city to assist ?

Chief Beloat replied they would be covered on the city insurance as they would be responding to a call in the line of duty.

Board member Fuelling stated again, he believes communication with the public is the key. He then moved Board allow the officers to drive their units out to the MAC center, for police visibility, and officers' health. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloat then thanked the Board for their decision and added he knows the officers appreciate it.

Chief Beloat continued his report by stating Officers Rueger and Bohleber will be attending EVOC Training April 12 – 16, 2010 in Plainfield, IN. He added they will be needing the city credit for meals, etc.

Board member Fuelling moved permission to attend and use the city credit be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief concluded his report by stating they will have Neighborhood Watch Meeting March 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the General Baptist Church Family Life Center for residents of Lawrence Subdivision.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he would like to thank Asst. St. Comm. Miller and the Street Department for their assistance in helping the sewer department get the old force main out and trash it. He added he received around \$6,000 for it and that money will be deposited back into the Operating & Maintenance Fund.

Supt. Givens stated they have a small shredder at the office, which they use a lot, and it tends to over heat. He added he did use the Clerk-Treasurer's shredder the other day and he would really appreciate being permitted to purchase a bigger one for his office. He stated he has some quotes from Business Equipment on some ranging from \$560 to \$750.

Board member Higgins moved Supt. Givens be permitted to purchase a shredder that fits his needs.

Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens concluded his report by stating he has talked with Ms. Robinson of the Posey County News about helping me get the word out to residents about what they should not be putting down their drains. He also wondered if a small memo on water bills may help. He stated every now and again, people just need to be reminded that some things do not go down the drain, like grease, etc, that can solidify and cause clogs.

Board member Fuelling agreed the information needed to be put out there, but folks may not listen much.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is action on the March 25th meeting. He stated that is Spring Break week, Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe is getting married the 27th and he is having a minor operation the week prior.

Board member Fuelling moved the March 25th meeting be canceled and payrolls be allowed for payment for the 26th and 31st. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated in the Audience are Nick Fuelling and Kelly Collins.

Mr. Fuelling stated they want to have their Annual Tractor and Car Show May 2, 2010 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, with proceeds to be donated to the Posey County Relay for Life.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe stated she has their Certificate of Insurance on file.

Mr. Fuelling then stated they would also like to have a parade through town this year, with a police escort. He stated possibly from Ewings to Harriet, past the high school, to 10th Street, to Main, and back to the court square. He added the parade will be at 1:00 pm. He then stated Jim Tron has donated even more trophies so they are expecting a larger turnout. He concluded by stating the rain date is May 16.

Mayor Tucker moved permission to have the event May 2, rain date May 16, parade, and blocking the 200 and 300 blocks of Main Street and the 100 block of east and west 3rd Street be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

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There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer